

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following paragraph:

However, the above-mentioned annotation is appended mainly by a proxy server, as already described, and a client who browses that page (hereinafter called a Web page) cannot separate the annotation. Therefore, the annotation alone cannot be stored independently of the Web page. Of course, if the Web page is downloaded as it is, the whole page can be stored. However, this does not ~~unit~~ result in storing of the annotation alone, and is of no use when one wants to extract only the annotation in order to use the annotation for some other purpose.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with the following paragraph:

There is also a server that can display an annotation that is separated from a page in which the annotation is included. This server is called a discussion server. Note, however, ~~that~~ this server is simply such a server as follows. When some people discuss a subject by appending their annotations to a certain page, the annotations separated from the page are collectively controlled together with the page by the discussion server, and a text file of the discussion server is retrieved by link information from the page, and the annotations drawn therefrom are sent to the terminal unit of a client and are displayed on the display screen. In other words, a client has no freedom of separating annotations from the page, of storing annotations or of merging annotations with any other page. Therefore, this server does not allow one to manipulate an individual annotation independently of the page, and it is simply such a type of server that the people concerned with the discussion merely view the annotations extracted from the server. Also, it is necessary to leave a discussion server installed, causing some restrictions in preparing facilities to be generated.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 22, with the following paragraph:

When the user selects a character string and clicks on the “comment making” button 32 (Step S5), a comment data input dialog 36 indicated by a frame ~~39~~35 shown in Fig. 8 is displayed by the annotation processing module (Step S6).

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 10, with the following paragraph:

Next, described below is the process of merging the saved comment data with the HTML text and of displaying the merged text. First, in the flowchart shown in Fig. 5, the processes of S101 and S102 are the same as those of S1 and S2 shown in the flowchart of Fig. 4. That is, in the process of S101, the browser window 20 and the page 25 shown in Fig. 5A , for example, are displayed, and in the following step 102, the comment window 27 shown in Fig. ~~6A~~6B is displayed online.